Chevvur and Pallippuram and the distance thereto ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The nearest Government Hospitals present are the Civil and the Maternity Hospitals at Trichur, and the distance from Trichur to Parlom, Chevvur and Pallippuram is 6, 5 and 7 miles respectively.

Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state why they have not opened a dispensary in all these places?

President.—The question asked is why the Government have not opened a dispensary in any one of these villages, Parlom, Chevvur and Pallippuram for the purpose of giving medical aid, since these villages are far from Trichur.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The only dispensary which would serve these villages will be the one at Cherppu, and we will be opening it in 1103.

President.—How far will it be from these villages?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Between two to three miles.

Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Here no such answer is given. What is given is the nearest hospitals are the Trichur hospitals, and they are 6 and odd miles away from these villages.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It was since this answer was given that the Government have accepted my proposal to open a dispensary at Cherppu. That will be opened after the passing of the budget, in the beginning of 1103. That is all what I have to say now.

Child carried away by a dog in the Trichur Maternity Hospital.

73. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inquire and state —

(a) whether the body of a child was bitten and carried away by a dog from the Maternity Hospital, Trichur;

(b) who was in charge of the Hospital then; and

(c) from where was the body recovered ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes, of a still born child.

(b) Sub-Assistant Surgeon Gouri Amma was on duty then.

(c) From within 50 yards away from the Hospital and within five or eight minutes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer to sub-division (a) is "Yes, a still born child." Were there not persons employed in the Hospital to carry away the dead body of the child and bury it?

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President.—The question, I think, was not about the burial?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The carrying away is admitted.

President.—I mean your question is whether there were proper arrangements for safeguarding the dead child till its burial.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What I say is, if there were proper arrangements to safeguard the dead body, dogs would not have come and taken it away.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I will answer the Hon'ble Member. There is a *totty* woman there, and it was her duty to have the dead body of the child buried. She is not the mother of the child, and so she too, like others, will have a dislike towards a dead child. The body was put in an unused bathroom for the night. It was the duty of the *totty* woman to have it removed in the next morning and to bury it. Somehow she forgot it, I suppose. Anyhow, I have taken action in this matter and punished her.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was the child born, Sir, and when was the child bitten and carried away by the dog?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The child was born at 8 p. m. or so, and it was carried away between 4 and 5 on the the next day.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were not Doctors in attendance there between 4 and 5 p. m.?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No, not in attendance on the dead child.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the Hospital?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Oh, yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the exact place from where the dead body was recovered?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It was reported that it was from some 50 yards away from the Hospital premises.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The exact place from where the dead body of the child was recovered?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know the exact place.

President.—I think it was some 50 yards to the north or north-west of the Hospital.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it from a *paramba* or road, or lane or ditch?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know per-

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sonally. What I know is that it was from a place some 50 yards away.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it not from the western side of the Paramekkavu temple that the body was recovered?

President.—It is not a request for information. You have the information; then, why do you ask the question?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I put this question to verify the statement. What I again ask is "from where was the body recovered"? The answer simply says "from within 50 yards away from the Hospital".

President.—Beyond the fact that it was recovered from within 50 yards off the Hospital, no further information can be given now. For your supplementary question we can give only this answer. From what place, whether it was from the road, lane, *paramba* or ditch, we cannot answer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What action was taken regarding this?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I fined her one rupee.

President.—One who draws how many rupees a month?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Nine rupees.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the rate paid for carrying away a dead child?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not understand the Hon'ble Member's question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the amount paid for the burial of a dead body of a child?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know exactly.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja—It is one rupee.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know. It may be 10 annas, 12 annas, or one rupee even as the Hon'ble Member says.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it one rupee?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It may be one rupee; that is what I understand from the Hon'ble member.

Mr. T. A. Ramchandra Ayyar.—Was anything paid to bury the dead body?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Is that a supplementary question, Sir?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—You admitted that something is generally paid.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I maintain that it is not a supplementary question.

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President.—He has the right to call for my decision, and I say it is not a supplementary question.

Supply of Medicinies.

74. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.— 1. Will the Government be pleased to state whether tinctures and other spirituous preparations from the Bose's Laboratories are being supplied to the State ;

2. will the Government be pleased to state whether these preparations are bought by the Government direct from Bose's Laboratories or their agents or through any agents;

3. will the Government be pleased to state the name of the agent and the approximate quantity in pounds of the supply of Bose's preparations;

4. will the Government be pleased to state, if they are aware that the spirituous preparations of Bose's Laboratories can be had at duty-free rates;

5. if the Government are aware of this, will they kindly state, if the drugs supplied to the State are charged at duty-free rates or not;

6. will the Government be pleased to state why they have not taken steps to secure these drugs at the duty-free rates;

7. will the Government be pleased to give a statement showing the quantity of the following drugs ordered in 1101 and 1102 and the price charged per lb. or bottle or bag of 112 lbs.:—

Magnesium Sulphate, Santonine, Soda Bicarbonate, Borax pulvis, Bismouth Subnitras, Pottas nitras, Vinum Rectiferatus, Emplaster Canthardis, Tincture Cannabis Indica, Folia Bachu;

8. will the Government be pleased to state, if they are aware that the Native States of Kashmir, Patiala, Kapurthala, Jhind, Nabha, Jhodpur, Gwalior, Bhopal, Coch-Behar, Hyderabad and many others order their drugs yearly after sending copies of State medical indents to several leading firms, and comparing the quotations made by the firms;

9. will the Government be pleased to state, if it is aware that a great deal of State money could be saved by adopting this method, and that, by the present arrangements, Government is losing a big sum of money yearly ;

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— 1. Part of the supply of tinctures was so obtained in the year 1101.

2. Through their agents.

3. Messrs. Raja D. Mawnay and Co. About 4,080 lbs.

4. Yes.

5. At duty-free rates.

6. No answer necessary.

7. Vide statement appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

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